



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Water Commissioners

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Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6:00 PM

Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church
20011 Grand River Ave
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BOWC Meeting - Location and Time Change

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner Michael Einheuser, Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Jane Garcia, Commissioner John Henry Davis and Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that the agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of August 15, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 minutes per speaker)

Commissioner Kinloch joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

1. Lisa Johnson came to the board about department protocol. She asked why responsible parties are not held accountable for pulling the necessary permits and is seeking resolution to an open issue.

2. Mike Shane came before the board with several concerns: water quality; request for the department to conduct a water analysis and publish for the public; does water interruptions create stagnation in the service line to cause contamination in homes and facilities; and does water main breaks cause damage to the interior of the pipes and lead to pollution.

3. Gerald Carson of 17645 Grandville has come before the board on numerous occasions regarding his water bill. Director Brown suggested that the case be referred to the Office of the Magistrate.
4. William Davis came before the board to obtain information on how to dispute the drainage fee.
5. James Parker came before the board to inquire about the drainage fee on vacant lots. Mr. Parker was referred to the drainage team.
6. Darrell Stewart came before the board with the following issues: an alley drain cleaning; an explanation on how sewage is calculated; and how to determine the sewage usage based on water usage.
7. Tiffani Ashley-Bell of the Human Utility Organization came to inquire about how its organization can collaborate with the department to help provide funding to citizens for their water bills.
8. Mr. Pratt was not available during public comment to have his matter addressed.
9. Jennifer Fussbender came to voice her concern about water quality and the lead issue in the Detroit Public Schools (DPS). She asked how the community can protect itself from this issue without further increases on water bills. She also asked how can the department assure that it is safe to drink the water without bearing the burden of water testing at the customer's expense.
10. Patrice Moore came before the board regarding a water main installation aftermath; property damage, restoration, and sewer cleaning.
11. Spartacus Habkuscha came before the board to ask how do you justify a drainage fee on properties where it's not feasible.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [18-0219](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Mobley and Brown

Attachments: [4704 Cass Ave. Response](#)
[13561 Memorial Response](#)
[13566 Rutland Response](#)
[23600 Dehner Response](#)
[Fraternite Notre Dame Response](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [18-0220](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [AUGUST 2018 FOIAs_Redacted](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [18-0221](#)

Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [GLWA 2018 Water and Sewer Funding and New Money Transaction](#)
 [GLWA Series 2018A Sewer Pricing Summary](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Communication or Report be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There was none.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. [18-0200](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to enter into **Contract # 6001541, with Mueller Systems LLC, for the blanket purchase of 5/8" through 1" positive displacement (PD) cold water meters (Group A) for the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) for a period of four years at a cost not to exceed \$1,206,625.00** and authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Naughton

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [18-0201](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to enter into **Contract # 6001540, with Wesco Distributors Inc. for the blanket purchase of 1.5" through 10" cold water electronic billing meters (Group B) for the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) for a period of four years at a cost not to exceed \$4,027,554.20** and authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Naughton

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Procurement, Goods be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [18-0202](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to enter into **Contract # 6001539, with Everett J Prescott, Inc. , for the blanket purchase of 1.5” through 3” cold water single register mechanical type meters and Contract # 6001628 for Metron-Farnier LLC for the blanket purchase of 4” and 6” cold water single register mechanical type meters (Group C) for the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) for a period of four years at a cost not to exceed \$780,625.00 for Everett J Prescott Inc. and \$1,535,000.00 for Metron-Farnier (totaling \$2,315,625.00)** and authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Naughton

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Procurement, Goods be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. [18-0213](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into contract No. WS-708 "Repair of water main systems: various pipe sizes at various locations throughout the City of Detroit" with Major Cement Company (Contractor), at a cost not-to-exceed \$5,472,800.00 for a duration of 540 calendar days**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Mobley

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. [18-0214](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. SCP-WS-709 "Unplanned full lead service line replacement at various locations throughout the City of Detroit" with Lakeshore Global Corporation (Contractor), at a cost not to exceed \$1,178,000.00 for a duration of Six (6) Months**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Mobley

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

F. [18-0215](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage

Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. WS-706 "Water System Improvements: Various Streets Throughout the City of Detroit" with Major Cement Company (Contractor), at a cost not to exceed \$10,294,167.00 for a duration of 730 calendar days**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Mobley

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

A. Director's Metrics

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [Director's Metrics - 09192018](#)

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Blackmon was glad to hear that the department is willing to assist in any way to keep our students safe and that the department is collaborating with administration to resolve the issue. She also thanked the department and the BOWC for the kind condolence wishes and visits during the loss of her brother.

Commmissioner Kinloch commended Director Brown for his efforts in response to the DPS lead matter.

12. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chairman Einheuser on behalf of the Board thanked Pastor Samuel Stephens and the congregation for their hospitality. The Board of Water Commissioners appreciated the opportunity.

13. OTHER MATTERS

There was none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

